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PLC	Configuration of M875 with IPsec VPN Tunnel
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Overview

This document covers how to configure the M875 for connection to a PLC using a VPN Tunnel using the Siemens SoftNet Client Software. It is assumed that the user is already proficient in the use of Siemens PLCs, Step 7 V5.5 and/or the TIA Portal software.

As a cautionary note: Siemens takes no responsibility for any data overage or roaming charges for any services used with the M875 device. Always review your data plan before configuring and using this device so that you are aware of proper configuration for you usage plan.

STEP by STEP

Step 1 thru 26 – M875 Configuration

Step 27– PLC Configuration

Step 28 thru 75 – VPN Configuration

Resetting the M875 to Factory Defaults

To reset the M875, press the Reset button on the front of the unit with a paperclip. This will take a few minutes and the lights on the device will begin to flash. All configuration data, user data, certificates and log files are deleted.

Step 1 – Acquire AT&T data plan

If you have an existing Corporate AT&T account contact your designated person. If you do not already have a corporate AT&T account please contact your local Siemens person. As of the writing of this Application Note that person is: Ming Ng, email is daming.ng@siemens.com and he can put you in contact the correct AT&T representative. Sim cards can be ordered with or without Static IP addresses. Before you commit to a plan always check your coverage, for ATT you can go to www.att.com/coverage. You can also get coverage apps for your mobile phone for example www.mymobilecoverage.com. One more note ATT Wireless Hotspots will not work with the M875 due to their policy of blocking mobile to mobile communication.

Step 2 – Enter PIN number if required – not normal in USA

In the USA it is normally not required to enter a PIN number for a sim card, but if required follow steps 4 thru 6 below. DO NOT PUT THE SIM CARD IN THE M875 IF YOU REQUIRE A PIN. Then go to "External Network" "UMTS/EDGE", enter the PIN number and save. After saving Power Off the M875 and continue to Step 3.

Step 3 – Insert SIM card

- Before you insert or remove the SIM card, turn off the power supply of the M875.
  Do not open the compartment for the SIM card during operation. This can damage the SIM card and the device.
- The compartment for the SIM card is located on the back of the device.
- To open the drawer, press the yellow button with a sharp object, for example a pencil.
- Place the SIM card in the tray so that the card audibly locks in place and so that its goldplated contacts remain visible.
- Then push the tray with the SIM card completely back into the housing

Step 4 – Configuration PC

The configuration PC must be connected either directly to the first Ethernet port of the M875 or have access to the M875 via the local network. The network adapter of the configuration PC must have the following TCP/IP configuration:

- IP address: 192.168.1.x – x being any number other than 1.
- Subnet mask: 255.255.255.0

Step 5 – Connect using "Internet Explorer" or "Mozilla Firefox"

Enter the M875's IP address – the default is: https://192.168.1.1

In "Internet Explorer select the "Red X" Continue to this website.

For Mozilla Firefox:

Select "Add Exceptions"

Either uncheck or leave checked "Permanently store this exception" and then press "Confirm Security Exception".

Step 6 – Enter Login data

Internet Explorer login screen – enter "admin" and "scalance" for first time login.

Mozilla Firefox login screen – enter "admin" and "scalance" for first time login.

Step 7 – Overview Screen at startup

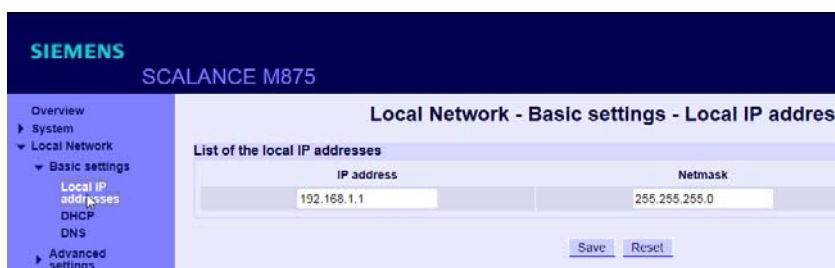After logging into the system the "Overview" screen is shown.

Step 8 – Change Default Password

For security reasons it is highly recommended to immediately change from the Default password. To do this go to the "Remote access" "Password" tab on the left hand side of the screen. For a secure password do not use something that is in the dictionary, at lease 8 characters long and include "Upper case, lower case, numbers, and special characters". The following special characters are allowed:
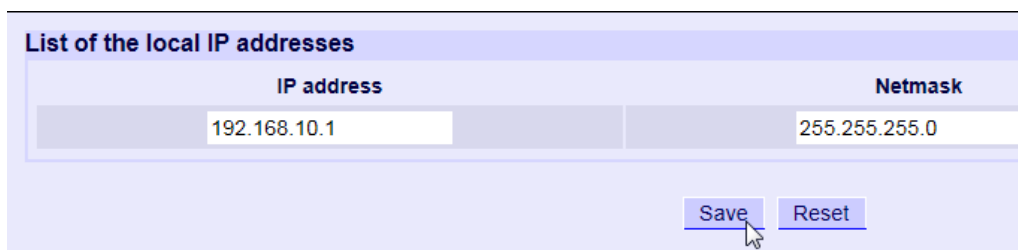
! $ % & ' ( ) * + , . / : ; < = > ? @ [¥] ^ _ ` { | }

After entering the new password press "Save", you will then be requested to log back into the M875.

Step 9 – View default IP address

Go to the "Local IP addresses" as shown in the picture.

Step 10 – Change default IP address

For our project we need to use a 192.168.10.x IP address range. Change the address of the M875 to 192.168.10.1 and 255.255.255.0 and then press "Save". Change the IP address of your computer to something in 192.168.10.x range (192.168.10.99 for example). In "Internet Explorer" or "Mozilla Firefox" change the site to connect to https://192.168.10.1 and log back in using your new password.

Step 11 – Overview Screen

With the SIM card inserted you will see a screen similar to this.

Step 12 – Set the system time

Enter the correct date and time and Local timezone. An NTP server can be selected to automatically synchronize the date and time. Keep in mind that using the NTP synchronization will use data from your data plan. Press the "Save" button when finished.

Step 13 – Overview of the External Network settings

Shown are the default "External Network – UMTS/EDGE" settings.

Step 14 – Configure the External Network settings

For our application enable "Allow roaming" and delete all the "List of moble wireless providers" and press "Save". Make sure to check with your provider if you are charged extra for roaming. Only enable roaming if required for your application – 2G Partner connection.

Step 15 – Change Provider Mode to Manual

Step 16 – Enter APN data for Manual mode

Enter the correct APN data for your data plan and press "Save". If using the Siemens Demo SIM enter:

- Username – guest
- Password – guest
- APN – i2gold or ccspbsc197.acfes.org – depends on the demo case

Note: If you are using a Partner 2G signal you will need to use "UMTS or GSM" and "Allow Roaming" for your system to function properly.

Step 17 – Enable Installation mode

Installation mode is used for antennae alignment.

Select the time for Installation mode – 15 minutes should be adequate and press "Save". Be sure to turn this back off when you are finished or you will not be able to finish connecting to your device.

Step 18 – Installation Mode enabled

Adjust antennae until the best signal is received. Either let the time out occur for Insatllation mode or change back to "No" and select "Save".

Step 19 – Overview page after allignment

After alignment, it may take a few minutes, but additional information should now be displayed in the Overview screen.

- Connected Since
- Assigned IP address – instead of 192.168.44.44 it would show the actual IP address of the SIM card or the dynamic IP address
- APN in use
- ID of the current wireless cell

Step 20 – Security settings for ping

To test the connection go to the "Security" "Advanced settings" and set the "External ICMP" to "Allow ping" and press "Save". You should now be able to ping the IP address from the overview page from a computer connected to the internet.

Note
Increased costs due to extra data traffic
By sending the ping packets, the data traffic on the UMTS/GPRS connection is increased.
This may result in additional costs, depending on your user agreement with the mobile wireless provider.

Step 21 – Ping the M875 from the Internet

Disconnect your PC from the M875 or use a different computer that has a connection to the internet. Ping the IP address shown in the Overview page.
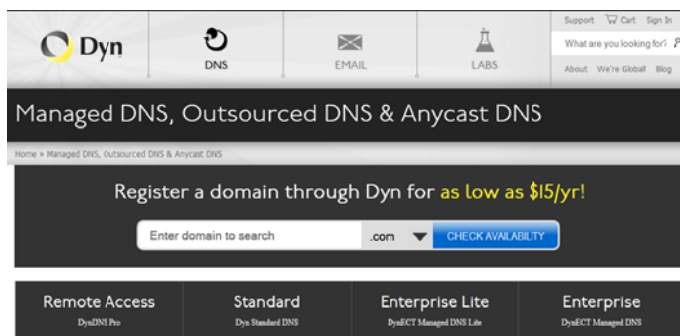
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Pinging 192.168.44.44 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.44.44: bytes=32 time= 317ms TTL=44
Reply from 192.168.44.44: bytes=32 time= 256ms TTL=44
Reply from 192.168.44.44: bytes=32 time= 126ms TTL=44
Reply from 192.168.44.44: bytes=32 time= 150ms TTL=44

Ping statistics for 192.168.44.44:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost =0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milliseconds:
    Minimum –   126ms, Maximum =   317ms, Average =   212ms
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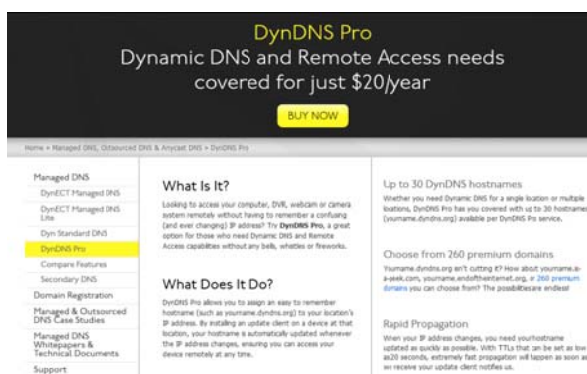
You can decide to leave Ping enabled on the M875 or for a more secure system "Discard" Ping. Make sure you plug the M875 back into your computer when finished. Keep in mind that leaving Ping enabled will use data from your data plan.

Step 22 – Dynamic IP address

The Siemens Demo SIM has a fixed IP address, if you have a fixed IP address skip to step 25. If you get a Dynamic IP address from you provider you will need to also use a Dynamic DNS Server. You need to go to WWW.dyndns.org and create a profile.

Select "Remote Access".

Purchase the DynDNS Pro and register a DNS name for your M875 connection. The DNS name must use "dyndns.org" as the extension for example "brkm875.dyndns.org". The IP address used must also reflect the Dynamic IP address that was shown on the M875 "System Overview" screen – do not use the IP address shown in this demo.

Step 23 – Enter the dyndns server host name

Enter your DynDNS server host name for a dynamic IP address example : m875demo.dyndns.org. Press "Save". You can now ping your device using the Host name. Make sure you set Ping "Accept" if you had turned it off in step 21 or you will get no response to your ping request.

The System Overview screen will reflect the "External host name" as "m875demo.dyndns.org". This may take a few minutes to show.

Step 24 – Configure Remote access

Select "Yes" to enable HTTPS remote access, change the Port to 4443 in case you want to use Port 443 to allow restricted logon access to the PLC. You will also need to add a firewall rule to allow a connection "From IP address". This IP address can be a specific address or if you leave it as "0.0.0.0/0" then anyone can try and access it. This is why a secure password is critical. I would suggest that you enter the IP address that is assigned to your location to keep others from gaining access or do not enable remote access. To test the connection the computer must have internet access, using Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox, enter for example https://192.168.44.44:4443 or https://m875demo.dyndns.org:4443 and you should get to the login screen.

Step 25 – Configure Firewall Rules

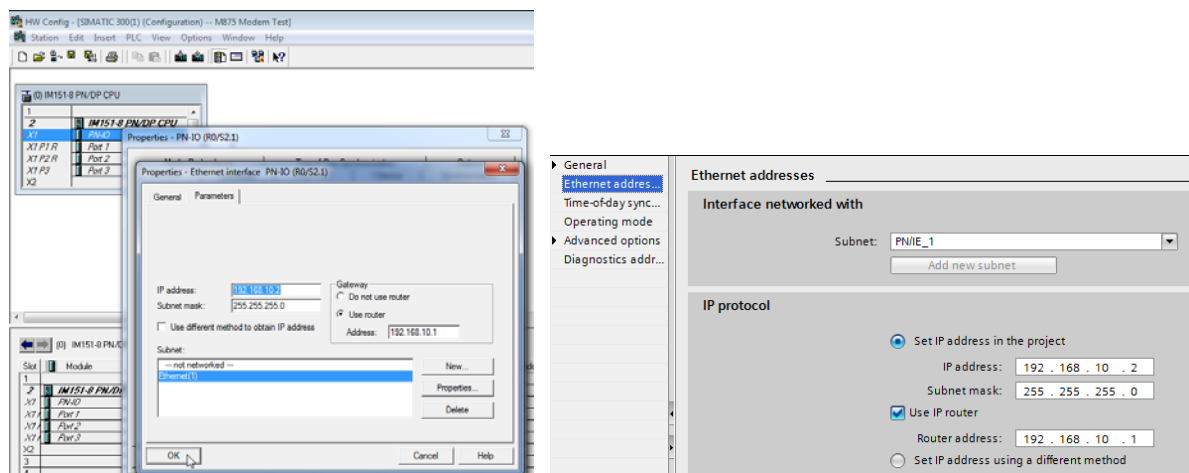By default the Firewall is configured to block everything.

The firewall is configured to accept only TCP data incomming to our PLC (192.168.10.2) on Port 80 (Webserver) and Port 102 (Simatic Data).

Step 26 – Volume Monitoring

External Network - Volume monitoring

Enable volume monitoring	Yes ▾
Bytes transferred since start of month	383639 Reset
Maximum data volume in bytes per month	100000

Send SMS when 80% of the max. data volume is reached:

Enable	Call number	Message text
No ▾		Warning:Max_Data_Volume_reach

Send SMS when 100% of the max. data volume is reached:

Enable	Call number	Message text
No ▾		Alert:Max_Data_Volume_reached

Save   Reset

The displayed volume values may differ to the invoice from the service provider, because of data block rounding and/or different accounting periods

You can configure a text message to be sent warning of reaching a "maximum data usage per month". This is only a message and will NOT stop the M875 from sending or receiving data. Your Data Plan Will Continue to Get Billed and you WILL be charged by the carrier for any data plan overage costs.

Step 27 – PLC Hardware Configuration
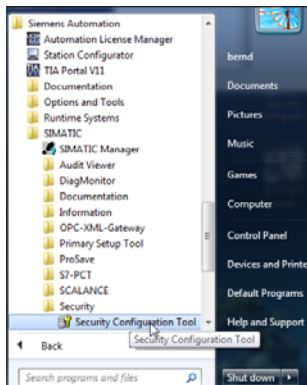

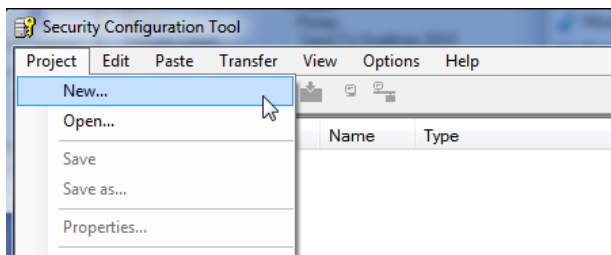Step 7 V5.5   TIA Portal V11

Make sure the PLC configuration sets the IP address to an IP address in the range of 192.168.10.x and use router 192.168.10.1, then "Save and Comple". Unplug your pc from the M875, plug the PC into the PLC and download the hardware configuration. Then disconnect the PC from the network and plug the PLC into the top Ethernet Port of the M875.

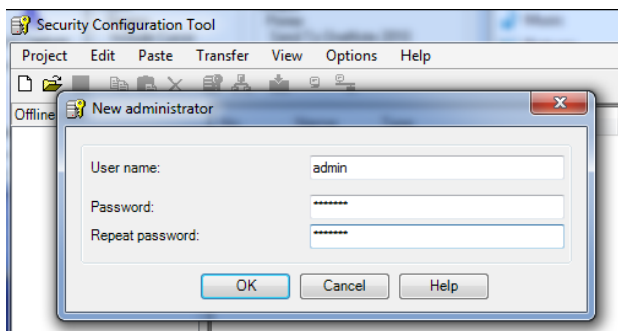## Step 28 – Create IPsec VPN Certificates - Security Configuration Tool

From the Windows "Start Menu" start the "Security Configuration Tool"

Step 29 – Start new project

Select "Project" "New"

Step 30 – Create project User name and password

Enter a User name and password for the project.

For this demo User name: admin and Password: siemens1 – all lower case. For a real project you should not use "admin" as the user and make a secure password using upper case, lower case, numbers, and special characters – see step 8 for example. The password must be at least 8 characters.
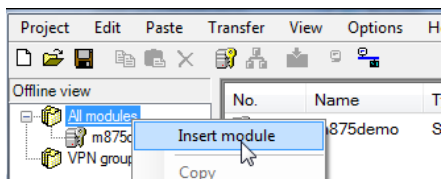
Step 31 – Configure the M875 IP address

Enter the following:

- Product type – SOFTNET Configuration
- Module – SCALANCE M87x/MD74x
- Name of the module – m875demo
- IP address (ext) – your AT&T SIM card IP address. If a Dynamic address was assigned just enter any address or use the address from the overview screen in step 19 which is the dynamic address that is temporarily assigned. For our demo 192.168.44.44 subnet 255.255.255.0– not a real address.
- IPaddress (int) - 192.168.10.1 subnet 255.255.255.0 – this is the nework that the PLC will be connected.
- Press "OK"

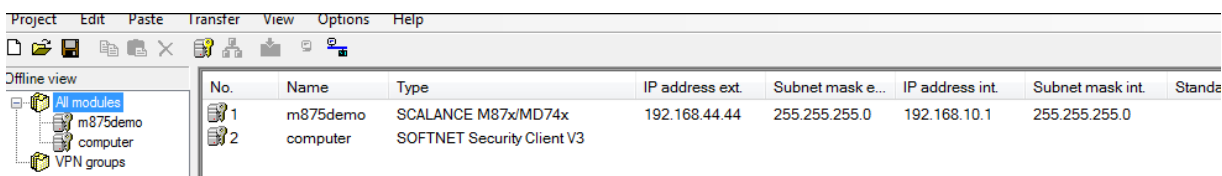## Step 32 – Insert Module

Insert next Module.

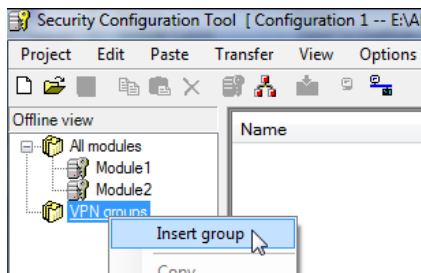## Step 33 – Configure Softnet Security Client Module

Enter the following:

- Product type – SOFTNET Configuration
- Module – SOFTNET Security Client
- Firmware release – V3
- Name of the module - computer
- Press "OK"

Step 34 – Insert VPN Group

Insert a new "VPN group"

Step 35 – Move into VPN Group

Highlight "m875demo" and "computer" then drag and drop into the VPN "Group 1"

Step 36 – Certificate changes to blue

After the modules are put into the VPN "Group1" the keys turn blue to show the VPN tunnel.

Step 37 – Advanced View

Change to "View" "Advanced mode"

Select "Yes"

Step 38 – IPsec VPN Properties

Right mouse click on "Group1" and select "Properties"

Step 39 – Modifiy IPsec VPN Properties

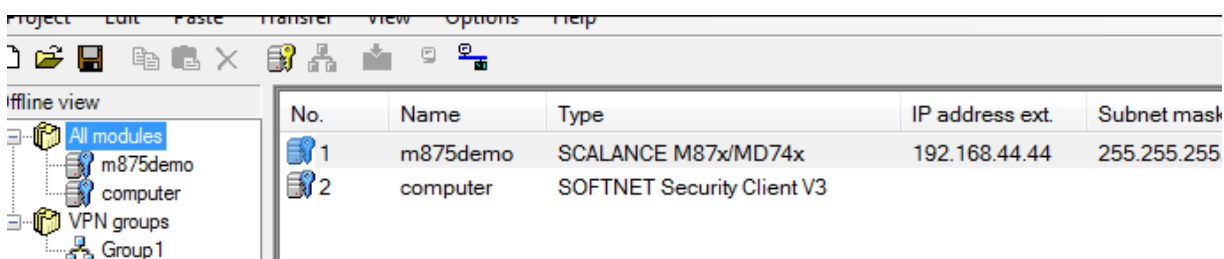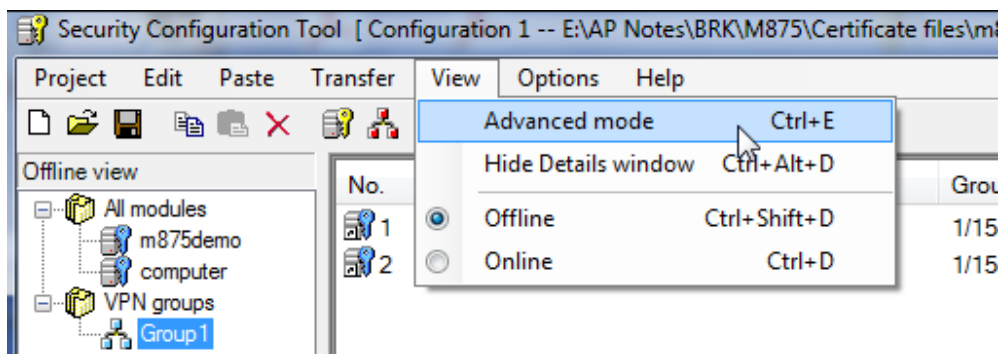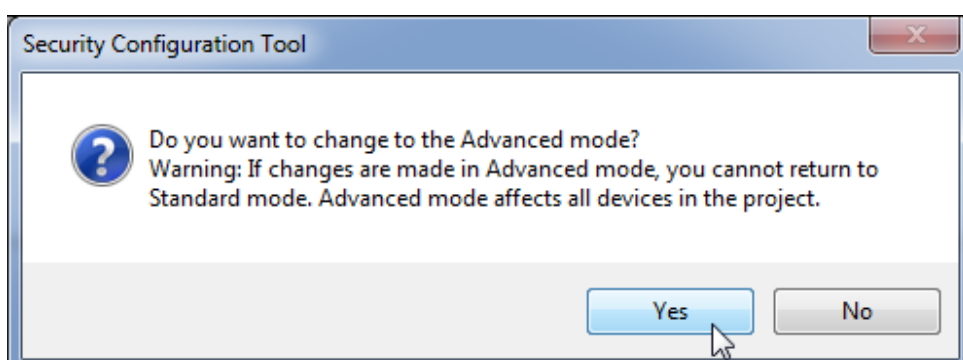Make sure "SA lifetime" for both "phase 1" and "phase 2" is set to 1440 or the connection will not work. Press "OK" and then save the project.

Step 40 – Transfer Certificates to files

Highlight both the "m875demo" and "computer" certificates and then right mouse click and "Transfer to module(s)". You do not need to be online with the M875, this is used only to create the certificate files.

Step 41 – Select Ethernet Adapter

Select the Ethernet adapter that you will use to download SCT configurations. This can always be changed later. This screen may not appear if you have already used the software.

Step 42 – Start Certificate Transfer

Press "Start" to create the certificate files – you will be asked where to store the files.

Step 43 – Set password

Answer "Yes"

For the demo – "siemens1" is used.

Select "OK"

Step 44 – Certificate configuration Files created

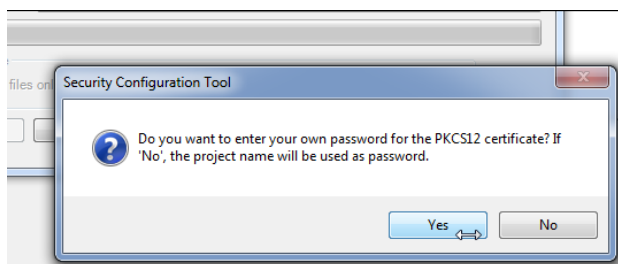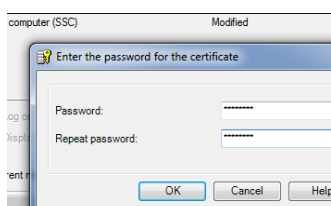| Name	Date modified	Type	Size
Configuration 1	1/15/2013 2:17 PM	File folder	
Configuration 1.computer.dat	1/15/2013 2:20 PM	DAT File	2 KB
Configuration 1.Group1.cer	1/15/2013 2:20 PM	Security Certificate	1 KB
Configuration 1.Group1.computer.cer	1/15/2013 2:20 PM	Security Certificate	2 KB
Configuration 1.m875demo.txt	1/15/2013 2:20 PM	Text Document	2 KB
Configuration 1.MEED0@G9A54.computer.p12	1/15/2013 2:20 PM	Personal Informati...	2 KB
Configuration 1.U0899EF2C@GD406.m875demo.p12	1/15/2013 2:20 PM	Personal Informati...	3 KB

The above Certificate files should have been created.

Step 45 – IPsec VPN configuration text file

Open the text file that was created when the certificate was made for example "Configuration1.m875demo.txt". It will contain the following information:

IPSec VPN > Certificates

   Upload Remote Site Certificate: Configuration 1.Group1.computer.cer

   Upload PKCS12 File (.p12): Configuration 1.U0899EF2C@GD406.m875demo.p12

IPSec VPN > Connections > VPN Roadwarrior Mode - Edit Settings

   Authentication method: X.509 Remote Certificate

   Remote Certificate: Configuration 1.Group1.computer.cer

   Remote ID: U1BEF40D2@GD406

IPSec VPN > Connections > VPN Roadwarrior Mode - Edit IKE

   Phase 1 - ISAKMP SA

   ISAKMP-SA encryption: 3DES-168

   ISKAMP-SA hash: SHA-1

   ISKAMP-SA mode: Main Mode

   ISAKMP-SA lifetime (seconds): 86400

   Phase 2 - IPSec SA

   IPSec-SA encryption: 3DES-168

   IPSec-SA hash: SHA-1

   IPSec-SA lifetime (seconds): 86400

   NAT-T: On

   Activate Dead Peer Detection: Yes

   DPD-Delay (seconds): 150

   DPD-timeout (seconds): 60

   DPD-maximum failure: 5

Step 46 – IPsec VPN Configuration - Roadwarrior

Enable "Roadwarrior" mode and select "Save". Select "IKE settings" "Edit".

Step 47 – IKE Settings

From step 26 we get the following information to enter. Then press "Save":

- Encryption – 3DES-168
- Hash (checksum) – SHA-1
- Mode – Main mode
- Lifetime(seconds) – 86400
- NAT-T – On
- Enable Dead Peer Detection (DPD) – Yes
- Delay after DPD query (seconds) – 150
- Timout after DPD query (seconds) – 60
- DPD: maximum number of unsuccessful attempts - 5

Step 48 – IPsec VPN – Certificates

The certificates page shows status information and certificates can be uploaded to the M875

Step 56 – IPsec VPN – upoad partner certificate

Browse to the directory where you saved the certificates. From step 43 we see that the file needed is Remote Site Certificate: Configuration 1.Group1.computer.cer

Select the partner certificate you created and then "Upload". It uploads almost instantly, the certificate pah in "Browse" will no longer appear when complete.

Step 49 – Upload PKCS12 file

Upload PKCS12 file (*.p12)		Browse...		Upload
Password				

Browse to the directory where you saved the certificates and select the file for the M875. From step 43 we see that the file needed is PKCS12 File (.p12): Configuration 1.U0899EF2C@GD406.m875demo.p12

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
📁 Configuration 1	1/15/2013 2:17 PM	File folder	
📄 Configuration 1.computer.dat	1/15/2013 2:20 PM	DAT File	2 KB
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📄 Configuration 1.m875demo.txt	1/15/2013 2:20 PM	Text Document	2 KB
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IPsec VPN - Certificates

Upload partner certificate		Browse...		Upload
Upload PKCS12 file (*.p12)	@GD406.m875demo.p12	Browse...		Upload
Password	••••••••			

Enter the password that was created with the certificate and press "Upload". The upload happens very quickly.

Step 50 – Certificate validation

IPsec VPN - Certificates

Upload partner certificate		Browse...	Upload

Partner certificates (*.cer, *.crt, *.pem)

Name		
Configuration 1.Group1.computer.cer		Delete

Own certificates (*.p12)

Name		
Configuration 1.U0899EF2C@GD406.m875demo.p12		Delete
CA certificate	✅	
Machine certificate	✅	
Private key	✅	

If everything matches there will be green check marks as shown. If not you will need to verify that the certificates were created correctly and that the correct password and files were uploaded.

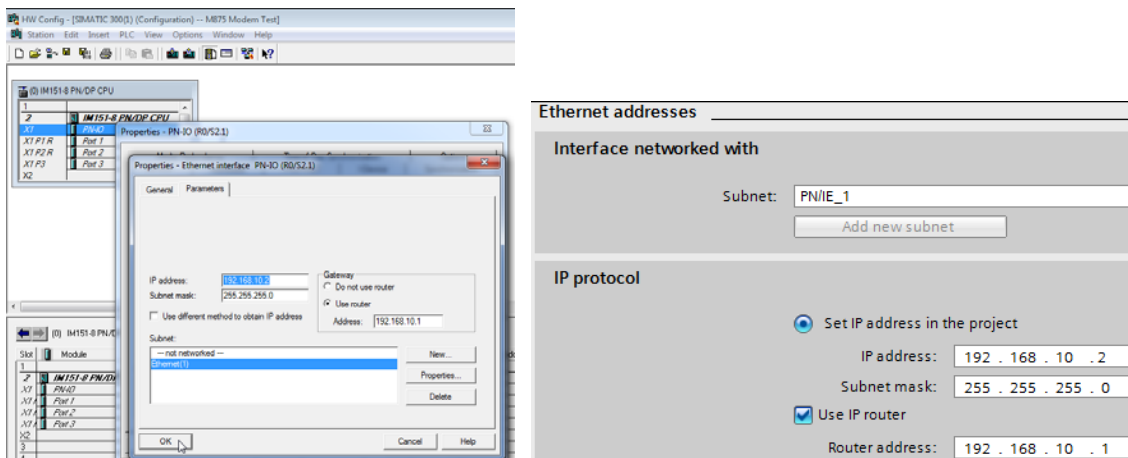## Step 51 – IPsec VPN Conections settings

Go back to the "Connections" tab and "Edit" Connection Settings.

Step 52 – IPsec VPN edit connections settings

From step 43 we get the following information: enter the data and press "Save"

- IPSec VPN > Connections > VPN Roadwarrior Mode - Edit Settings
- Authentication method: X.509 Remote Certificate
- Remote Certificate: Configuration 1.Group1.computer.cer
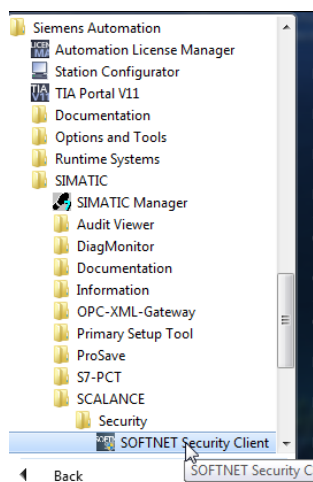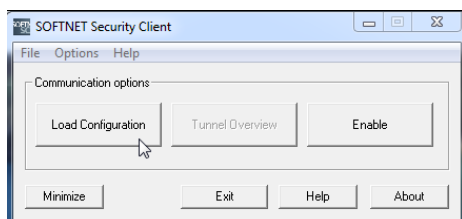- Remote ID: U1BEF40D2@GD406

Step 53 – Step 7 V5.5 project

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You should now be able to connect an S7 plc to your M875 and go online with it using the Softnet Security Client and Step 7 software. Make sure the PLC configuration sets the IP addrss to an IP address in the range of 192.168.10.x and use router 192.168.10.1. Unplug your pc from the M875 and plug the PLC into the M875.
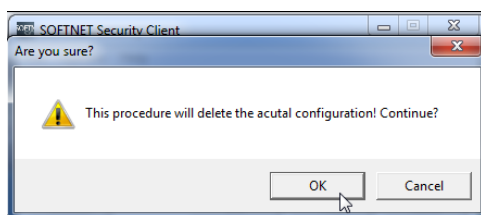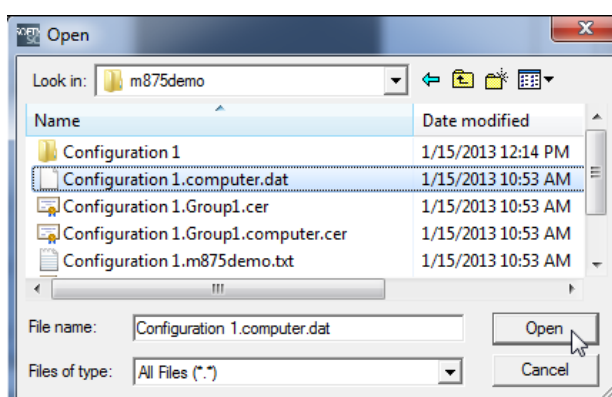
Step 54 – Start the Softnet Security Client

From the Windows "Start Menu" start the "Softnet Security Client"

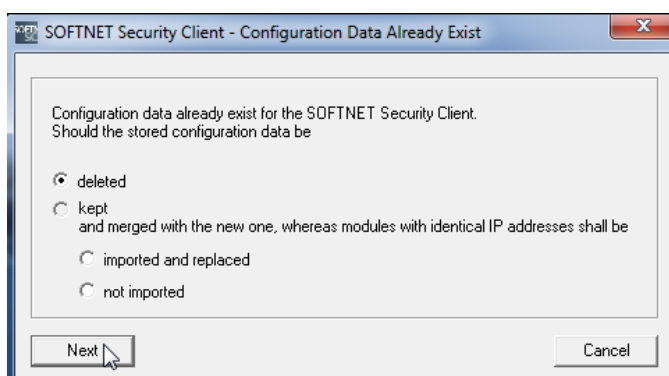## Step 55 – Load Configuration

Select "Load Configuration"

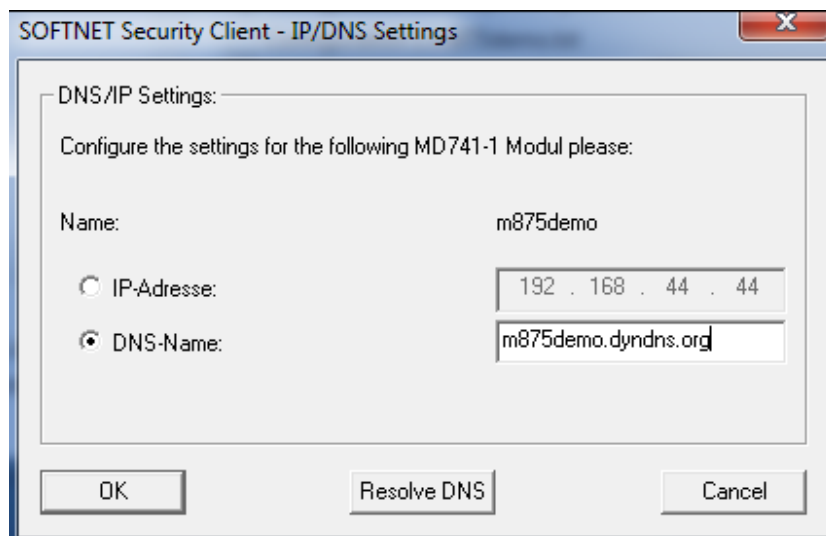## Step 56 – Select and open the Configuration file

You may get this message, just select "OK"

Select "Next" – this is shown if you have loaded a configuration previously.

Step 57 – Select the DNS-Name

If using a static IP address verify that the IP address is correct. For our demo we are using a dynamic address so we use the DNS-Name: - enter the DNS name for your system.
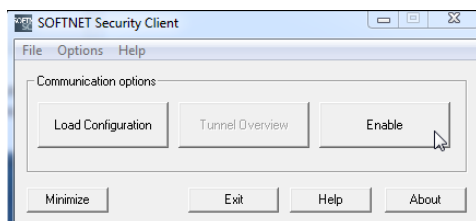

Step 58 – Describe the first topic

Select the computer's Ethernet adapter that will connect to the internet. Also note that the IP address at the top for the m875demo will either show the fixed IP address of the SIM card or the DNS name that was used.
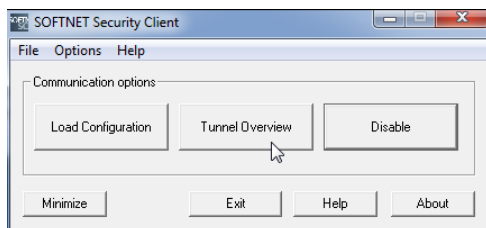
Step 59 – Enter the Certificate Password

Step 60 – Enable the Tunnel

Step 61 – Tunnel Overview

Step 62 – Tunnel status

If the status is red, the connection has not yet been made.

Green status – tunnel is connected.

Step 63 – Ping Internal IP address

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Pinging 192.168.10.1 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.10.1: bytes=32 time= 691ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.10.1: bytes=32 time= 725ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.10.1: bytes=32 time= 908ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.10.1: bytes=32 time= 846ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 192.168.10.1:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum =  691ms, Maximum =  908ms, Average =  792ms
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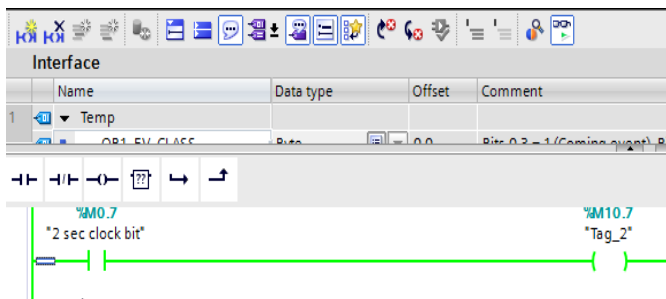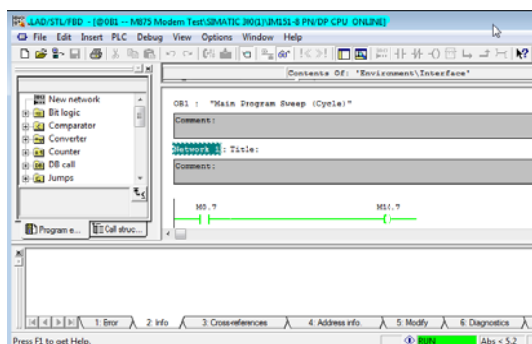Ping of the Internal IP address of the M875.

Step 64 – Ping PLC address

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Pinging 192.168.10.2 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 192.168.10.2: bytes=32 time= 747ms TTL=29
Reply from 192.168.10.2: bytes=32 time= 888ms TTL=29
Reply from 192.168.10.2: bytes=32 time= 710ms TTL=29
Reply from 192.168.10.2: bytes=32 time= 923ms TTL=29

Ping statistics for 192.168.10.2:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
    Minimum =  710ms, Maximum =  923ms, Average =  817ms
```

Ping of PLC address

Step 65 – Online with the PLC

Step 7 V5.5   TIA Portal V11

When using the VPN Tunnel (Softnet Client) no special routing is required from Step7 V5.5 or the TIA Portal V11.

Step 66 – Online with the PLC using the Webserver

Startup page of PLC Webserver using the IP address of the plc – 192.168.10.2 entered into Internet Explorer or Firefox.

Step 67 – Online with the PLC Webserver – Diagnostics Page

Diagnostics page of PLC Webserver.

Related Information

Additional Application Notes on M875:

Hardware and Software Considerations

Hardware Used:

- M875 – 6GK5875-0AA10-1AA2
- Antenna - 6NH9860-1AA00
- S7-300 ET200S PLC - 6ES7151-8AB01-0AB0

Software Used:

- Softnet Security Client V4 – 6GK1704-VW04-0AA0
  - o With Security Configuration Tool V3 – included with above
- Step 7 Professional 2010 – 6ES7810-5CC11-0YA5
- TIA Portal Professional V11 - 6ES7822-1AA01-0YA5

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